



Activity Schedule



Hampton National Historic Site offers an exceptional, perhaps unmatched, look at a nineteenth century slave estate. The mansion looks down on the overseer’s house, and the overseer’s house looks down on the slave quarters, reminding visitors and workers of their place in life. Objects, such as a sterling teapot or a cooking range, not only reveal the mindset of their creators and owners, but also offer a chance for reflection on the workers who sweated through a hot August cleaning them, or used them to serve their masters. A visitor today can explore the buildings and landscape, and doing so, can begin to imagine the complex human relationships that defined Hampton in the ante-bellum era. All of the events listed below are free to the public, for more information contact (410)823-1309 or www.nps.gov/hamp.

What to do Every Day

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| <p>Park Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Farmhouse visitor center 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Guided tour of the farm A forty minute tour including the workers’ quarters 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Stables and family cemetery open 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Junior Ranger Program Are you between the ages of 7 & 12? With a free booklet, available at the visitor center, explore the history of Hampton and the National Park Service. Children earn a certificate and Junior Ranger badge.</p> |
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Every Second Sunday at the Farmhouse

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| <p>Musical Women March 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of Musica Antiqua during Women’s History month. Lead by Anita Avery, learn more about not only third mistress Eliza Ridgely’s music collection, but other ladies of the 18th and 19th centuries.</p> <p>Music in May May 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Music brought family and friends together in the past, just as it does today. Delight in duets on the harpsichord and recorder by John Burkhalter and Eugene Roan. This is a perfect Mother’s Day treat!</p> <p>Act I: Scene I July 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Have you wanted to become an actor or actress? Join Wes Stone as he portrays 19th century actor Edwin Booth in this exciting program. Step into the shoes of actors and learn a few tricks of the 19th century stage!</p> | <p>Sounds of Spring April 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Harper, Kris Snyder returns to enchant visitors with the musical tones of the folk harp. Many educated women in the 19th century were trained in the art of playing the harp.</p> <p>Quoth the Raven June 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. David Keltz returns for two 1/2 hour performances as Edgar Allan Poe. Seating is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.</p> <p>Manly Arts Day August 12, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Spend the day or just an hour learning about the manly arts, discover what sports gentlemen and even some young ladies learned in the 19th century.</p> |
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Local Defenders Rally to the Flag
September 9, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.
This 30 minute ranger program is offered in conjunction with the two day celebration at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine. Learn more about the Defense of Baltimore and what local citizens, like the Ridgely family were doing to support the cause.

Fresh from the Harvest but Not for Long
November 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.
Before refrigerators and deep freezers, fresh food was prepared to last through the winter. Discover how meat was cured, fresh vegetables preserved, and what the best way to keep your food from spoiling.

Gothic Day
October 14, 2007 from noon-4:00 p.m.
Take a walk through literature’s past and listen to dramatic readings from the gothic works of Poe, Bronte, Irving, and more. Weather permitting this will be a walking tour, so please wear appropriate footwear.

Special Events

Family, Finance, and Fashion
Sunday, March 25, 2007
The mistresses of Hampton from the beginning established themselves as not only wives and mothers but as leaders, humanitarians, and groundbreakers. To celebrate Women’s History Month, visit the park to learn more about each mistress, their role in running the Hampton Estate and how they dressed for everyday life and fancy occasions. A special program will be offered at 2:30 p.m. followed by a fashion show timeline.

Meet a Race Horse
Sunday, May 6, 2007 at noon- 4:00 p.m.
Horse racing was a way of life for the Ridgely family, learn more about the history of horse racing in Maryland and how the Ridgely family impacted the sport. Take a few minutes to visit with a real race horse and get ready for the Preakness.

Memorial Day Program
Sunday, May 27, 2007 at Noon
Honor those who fought for this country, including several generations of Ridgely men and women.

Fourth of July Parade and Orations
Saturday, June 30, 2007 at TBD
Celebrate the birth of the nation in this joint program sponsored by the Hampton Improvement Association, the Fort McHenry Guard, and the National Park Service.

Music on the Lawn
Sunday, August 5, 2007 at 2:00 PM
Check back for more information about this summer time concert on the lawn.

Civil War Weekend
Saturday April 21 at 2:00 p.m.
Join a park ranger for a program about what life was like for the Ridgely family, their peers, and slaves during the Civil War.
Sunday April 22 at 2:00 p.m.
Bring a blanket and relax to the sounds of the Second South Carolina as they perform on the farmhouse lawn.

Mother’s Day Carraige Rides
Sunday, May 13, 2007
Treat your favorite lady to a 20 minute carraige ride through the grounds of Hampton. Living history guides help set the mood for the days gone by and share stories of Hampton.

Victorian Games Day
Sunday, June 24, 2007 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Enjoy a Victorian Lawn Party- participate in a game of townball, try your hand at a round of croquet, or bring a blanket and enjoy this late spring day.

MOO! Dairy day at Hampton
Sunday, July 22, 2007 Noon to 4:00 pm
Cows were an integral part of the agricultural success of the Home Farm, learn more about butter, cheese, and ice cream making. Try your hand at making butter and learn more about dairy farming.

Check back for more information about our fall/winter events!

More Information

Please note: all programs are free and open to the public, we do not accept reservations and space is limited.

Group Tours
For groups of 10 or more please call (410) 823-1309.

Watch out for uneven surfaces.

While walking the grounds of Hampton, please be aware of construction vehicles.

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